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*Invention:* COMPOSITE PROSTHETIC BEARING  
CONSTRUCTED OF POLYETHYLENE  
AND AN ETHYLENE-ACRYLATE  
COPOLYMER AND METHOD FOR  
MAKING THE SAME

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